AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device having a case internally accommodating a liquid crystal display panel which displays an image represented by an applied image signal, said liquid crystal display panel having a display screen exposed externally of the case, said case being formed to include a freely openable and closable light-admission window for admitting outside light, and a light guiding path being formed for introducing the outside light, which has been admitted by opening said light-admission window, to the back side of said liquid crystal display panel, said liquid crystal display device comprising:

a backlighting device for projecting backlight toward the back side of said liquid crystal display panel;

a setting unit for setting whether to admit outside light from said light-admission window or to project backlight from said backlighting device;

a signal correction circuit for subjecting the applied image signal to at least one correction selected from the group consisting of a gamma correction, luminance correction, contour correction, hue correction, and color saturation correction ~~a correction~~ to compensate for incident external light on the liquid crystal display panel for outdoor display in response to a setting by said setting unit for admission of the outside light without projecting backlight~~, wherein said signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to at least one correction~~

~~selected from the group consisting of a gamma correction, luminance correction, contour correction, hue correction, and color saturation correction~~; and

a backlight control circuit for turning on said backlighting device in response to a setting by said setting unit for projection of the backlight.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:

an output circuit for making a connection to an external display unit that displays the image represented by the applied image signal and that is removably attached to the liquid crystal display device; and

an output-circuit control unit for turning said output circuit off in response to a setting by said setting unit for admission of outside light.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device having a case internally accommodating a liquid crystal display panel which displays an image represented by an applied image signal, said liquid crystal display panel having a display screen exposed externally of the case, said case being formed to include a freely openable and closable light-admission window for admitting outside

light, a light guiding path being formed for introducing the outside light, which has been admitted by opening said light-admission window, to the underside of said liquid crystal display panel, and a backlight device being provided for projecting backlight toward the underside of said liquid crystal display panel, said method comprising the steps of:

making it possible to set whether to admit outside light from said light-admission window or to project backlight from said backlighting device;

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subjecting the applied image signal to at least one correction selected from the group consisting of a gamma correction, luminance correction, contour correction, hue correction, and color saturation correction ~~a correction~~ to compensate for incident external light on the liquid crystal display panel for outdoor display in response to a setting for admission of the outside light without projecting backlight~~, wherein the applied image signal is subjected to at least one correction selected from the group consisting of a gamma correction, luminance correction, contour correction, hue correction, and color saturation correction~~; and

turning on said backlighting device in response to a setting for projection of the backlight.

5. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to gamma correction.

6. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to luminance correction.

7. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to contour correction.

8. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to hue correction.

9. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to color saturation correction.

10. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to gamma correction.

11. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to luminance correction.

12. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to contour correction.

13. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to hue correction.

14. (Previously Presented) The liquid-crystal display device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the signal correction circuit subjects the applied image signal to color saturation correction.